



DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS, 1924

GRADE VIII.

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND SPELLING.

Time—Two and one-half hours for Papers I and II.

PAPER II.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

N.B.—Candidates will write on *either* Question 4 or 5, *not on both*.

Values.

- 1 1. (a) + What was the situation in Killingworth which caused the town meeting to be held?
- 3 + (b) ₂ Mention three of the principal persons, other than the schoolmaster, who attended the meeting, and point out the chief characteristic of each.
- 8 (c) Give the substance of four of the schoolmaster's arguments to save the birds.
- 7 2. + (a) Write a sketch of the character and habits of Rip Van Winkle before his long sleep.
- + (b) What important political change did he find had taken place when he returned to the village?
- + (c) Describe his life after his return to the village.
3. + (a) Supernatural happenings play a large part in the story of "The Ancient Mariner." Give a brief account of any *three* of these and indicate clearly the connection of each with the rest of the story.
- + (b) What lesson do we learn from the story of "The Ancient Mariner"?
4. + (a) Who was Ulysses?
- + (b) What was his most outstanding quality of character as brought out in the poem of that name?

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- ★ (c) How had his experiences unfitted him to rule over his people?
- (d) What is the substance of the closing lines of the poem, beginning:
- "Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world."

Or

5. Write a brief sketch of "the village preacher" in such a way as to bring out the kindness of his nature.

6. "Katie walks
★ By the long wash of Australasian seas
Far off and *holds her head to other stars*
And *breathes in converse seasons*. All are gone.
So Lawrence Aylmer, seated on a stile
In the long hedge and *rolling in his mind*
Old waifs of rhyme and bowing o'er the brook
A tonsured head in middle age forlorn,
Mused and was mute."

5 (a) ★ Tell briefly what Lawrence Aylmer was musing about.

4 (b) ★ Explain the meanings of the italicised passages.

4 (c) Quote *two* passages of *four lines each* from different parts of the poem in which the language imitates the sound or movement of the brook.

8 ★ 7. Quote a passage of *sixteen* lines from any poem assigned for this year's literature. Passages quoted in this paper will not be accepted nor passages quoted by the candidate in answering the last question.

12 ★ 8. Name the selections from which any *six* of the following quotations are taken and show the connection of each with the rest of the selection:

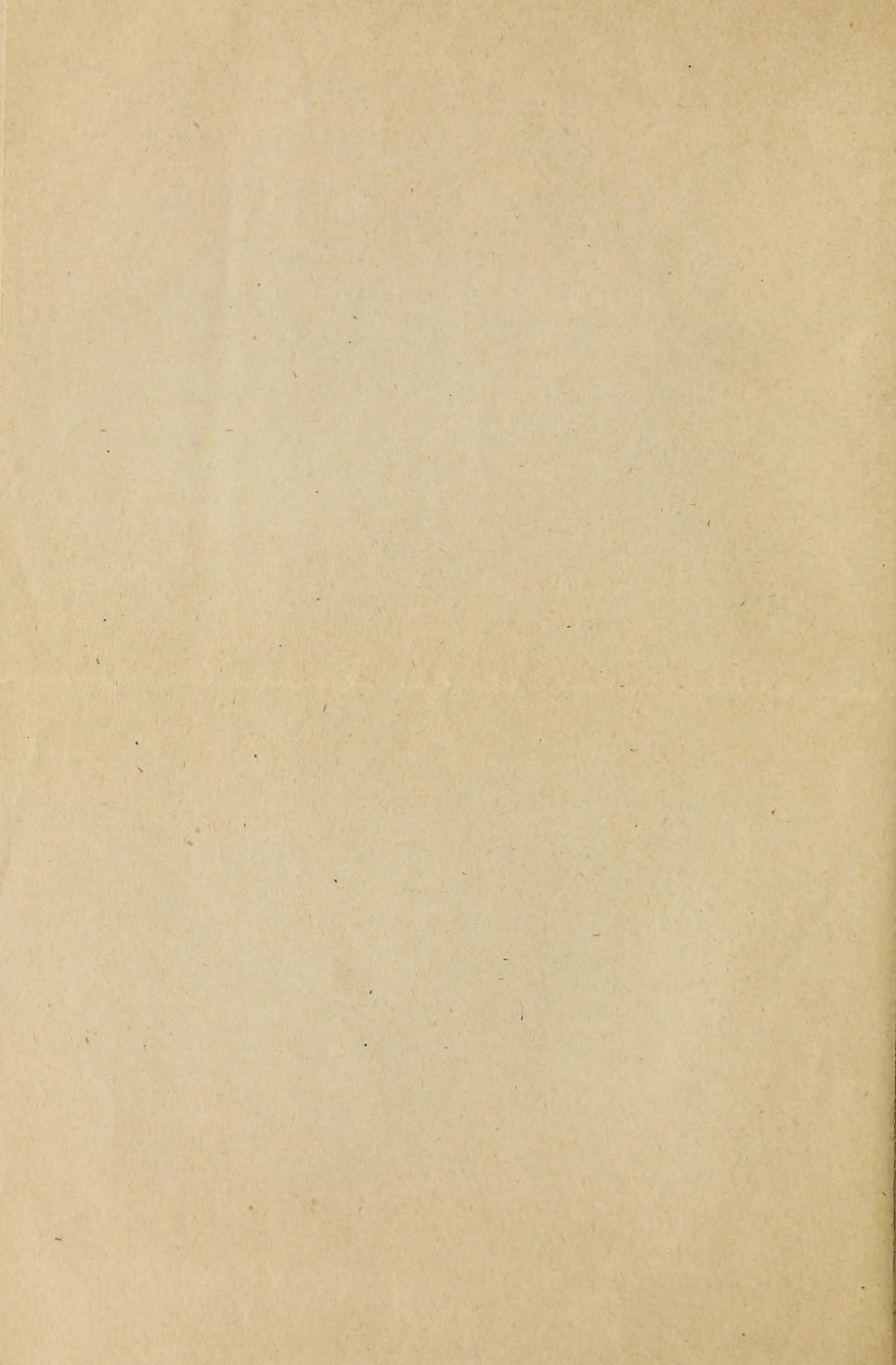
(a) "And when amid those grand old woods
I sit and shut my eyes,
My heart will travel back again ★
To where my Mary lies."

(b) "Some of them could not refrain from tears at the sight of their old master; every one of them pressed forward to do something for him and seemed discouraged if they were not employed." ★

(c) "Some night when the sun in darkness dips
We'll seek the dreamland olden,
And you shall touch with your finger tips ★
The ivory gate and golden."

Values.

- (d) "Mark, as it spreads, how deserts bloom and error
flies away
As vanishes the mist of night before the star of
day!"
- (e) "Some have too much, yet still they crave,
I little have, yet seek no more;
They are but poore, tho' much they have,
And I am rich with little store."
- (f) "United as they are there I would have them
draped together, fold within fold, and let
Their varying tints unite,
And form in Heaven's light,
One arch of peace."
- (g) "Last night the gifted seer did view
A wet shroud swathed round ladye gay."



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